

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

The claims have not been amended; however, Applicant has provided a listing of the claims for Examiner's reference. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An expandable tubular element having a wall including at least one longitudinally extending slit therein, said at least one slit forming a pair a portion formed of a plurality of stacked wall layers, each wall layer having a bent configuration in a cross-sectional plane prior to radial expansion of the tubular element and being arranged to deform from the bent configuration to a less bent more stretched configuration upon radial expansion of the tubular element, wherein the tubular element includes at least one cavity, each cavity being formed between a each pair of adjacent wall layers formed by a slit defines at least one cavity that extends along less than the circumference of the tubular, prior to expansion of the tubular element, said cavity containing a body of fluid in the form of a bonding agent or a compound for forming a bonding agent, which bonding agent is suitable to bond said adjacent wall layers to each other or to bond the tubular element to a wall extending adjacent the tubular element.

2. (Currently amended) The expandable tubular element of claim 1, wherein said wall layers have mutually different bending curvatures radii of curvature prior to radial expansion of the tubular element.

3. (Currently amended) The expandable tubular element of claim 1, including a plurality of said portions of stacked wall layers wherein the wall of the

tubular includes a plurality of cavities spaced along the circumference of the tubular element.

4. (Currently amended) The expandable tubular element of claim 1, wherein said ~~portion of stacked wall layers~~ extend ~~extends~~ along the full circumference of the tubular element.

5. (Original) The expandable tubular element of claim 4, wherein the tubular element has, prior to radial expansion thereof, a corrugated shape.

6. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 1, wherein the tubular element is one of a pair of tubes whereby an end part of an inner tube extends into an end part of an outer tube, and wherein said portion of stacked wall layers is included in one of said end parts.

7. (Original) The expandable tubular element of claim 6, wherein said portion of stacked wall layers is included in the end part of the outer tube.

8. (Original) The expandable tubular element of claim 1, wherein at least one of said adjacent wall layers is provided with an opening arranged to allow fluid from said body of fluid to be expelled from the cavity during expansion of the tubular element.

9. (Original) The expandable tubular element of claim 1, wherein said wall is the wall of another tubular element or the wall of a wellbore into which the tubular element extends.

10. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 8, wherein said cavity forms a first cavity containing a first bonding compound for

forming a bonding agent, and wherein a second said cavity contains a second compound which reacts with the first compound to form the bonding agent.

11. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 1, wherein the tubular element extends into a borehole formed in an earth formation.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 2, including a plurality of said portions of stacked wall layers spaced along the circumference of the tubular element.

14. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 2, wherein said portion of stacked wall layers extends along the full circumference of the tubular element.

15. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 2, wherein the tubular element is one of a pair of tubes whereby an end part of an inner tube extends into an end part of an outer tube, and wherein said portion of stacked wall layers is included in one of said end parts.

16. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 3, wherein the tubular element is one of a pair of tubes whereby an end part of an inner tube extends into an end part of an outer tube, and wherein said portion of stacked wall layers is included in one of said end parts.

17. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 4, wherein the tubular element is one of a pair of tubes whereby an end part of an

inner tube extends into an end part of an outer tube, and wherein said portion of stacked wall layers is included in one of said end parts.

18. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 5, wherein the tubular element is one of a pair of tubes whereby an end part of an inner tube extends into an end part of an outer tube, and wherein said portion of stacked wall layers is included in one of said end parts.

19. (Previously Presented) The expandable tubular element of claim 9, wherein said cavity forms a first cavity containing a first bonding compound for forming a bonding agent, and wherein a second said cavity contains a second compound which reacts with the first compound to form the bonding agent.